Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In South Dakota, Stepfamily Day is enhanced by our strong commitment to support the stepfamilies of our nation in their mission to raise their children, create strong family structures to support the individual members of the family, instill in them a sense of responsibility to all extended family members; and,

Whereas, Stepfamily Day was founded by Christy Borgeld in 1997. Approximately one-half of all Americans are currently involved in some form of stepfamily relationship, and it is the vision of the Stepfamily Association of America that all stepfamilies in the United States be accepted, supported and successful; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has been blessed by thousands upon thousands of loving stepparents and stepchildren who are daily reminders of the joy, trials, and triumphs of the stepfamily experience and of the boundless love contained in the bond between all types of parents and children; and,

Whereas, In South Dakota, Stepfamily Day is a day to celebrate the many invaluable contributions stepfamilies have made to enriching the lives and life experience of the children and parents of America and to strengthening the fabric of American families and society:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2005, as

STEPFAMILY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State